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EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: SREF, CU, PN (FREIREICH SOTOLONGO, ELSA)

SUBJECT: CUBAN ASYLUM SEEKER

REF: STATE 278130

1. CANAL ZONE OFFICIALS REQUESTED EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN DETERMINING IF SUBJECT COULD OBTAIN ENTRY INTO PANAMA OR ARGENTINA.

2. EMBASSY OFFICERS HAVE CONTACTED ALLEGED HUSBAND, MIGUEL CONSTANTINO MARUDES, WHO IS HERE IN PANAMA AWAITING DISPOSITION OF SUBJECT'S CASE. HE HAS NO PROOF OF MARRIAGE TO FREIREICH. HE WAS REQUESTED TO CONTACT ARGENTINE EMBASSY HERE ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF SUBJECT ENTERING ARGENTINA AND WAS TOLD BY ARGENTINE EMBASSY OFFICIAL THAT HE WILL HAVE TO OBTAIN PROOF THAT HE IS MARRIED TO FREIREICH. EMBOFF HAS ALSO CONFERRED PERSONALLY WITH ARGENTINES, AND THEY CONFIRMED THAT, ALTHOUGH THEY COULD POSSIBLY OBTAIN PERMISSION FOR SUBJECT TO ENTER ARGENTINA, THIS WOULD HAVE TO BE BASED ON PROOF SHE IS MARRIED TO MARUDES AND THEN CASE WOULD HAVE TO BE SUBMITTED TO BUENOS AIRES FOR APPROVAL.

3. EVEN IF LENGTHY PROCESS OF OBTAINING ARGENTINE VISA
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WERE PURSUED, WE ARE RELUCTANT TO APPROACH PANAMANIAN

AUTHORITIES TO OBTAIN PERMISSION FOR SUBJECT TO ENTER PANAMA EITHER TO REMAIN FOR PERIOD OF TIME OR TO TRANSIT. WE HAVE DEFINITE INDICATIONS THAT PANAMANIAN GOVERNMENT IS COOPERATING WITH CUBAN EMBASSY HERE ON MATTERS CONCERNING CUBAN CITIZENS OR FORMER CUBAN CITIZENS IN PANAMA. OUR ASSESSMENT IS THAT THERE IS A GOOD CHANCE THAT SHOULD SHE ENTER PANAMA, SHE WOULD BE RETURNED TO CUBA, PARTICULARLY SINCE THERE IS NO PROOF OF MARRIAGE TO MARUDES AND BECAUSE SHE HAS CHILDREN IN CUBA.

4. EMBASSY WISHES TO POINT OUT THAT POSSIBILITY OF FREIREICH OBTAINING REGULAR IMMIGRANT VISA, AT LEAST IN NEAR FUTURE, IS REMOTE. IF IT IS DETERMINED THAT SHE WAS ADOPTED BY MR. FREIREICH IIDZUBA, HER NATURAL FATHER CANNOT CONFER ANY BENEFITS UPON HERLKSECCIMMIGRATION LAW. IF SHE WAS NOT ADOPTED, A PETITION COULD BE FILED IN HER BEHALF GRANTING HER FIRST OR FOURTH PREFERENCE STATUS, DEPENDING ON THE RESOLUTION OF HER PRESENT MARITAL SITUATION, BUT THAT WOULD TAKE SOME TIME AND COULD NOT EVEN BEGIN UNTIL AFTER JANUARY 1 WHEN NEW IMMIGRATION LEGISLATION GOES INTO EFFECT. COINCIDENTALLY, MR. ARNOLD FIGUEROA, ALLEGED FATHER, CALLED EMBASSY THIS MORNING TO INQUIRE ABOUT THE CASE OF HIS DAUGHTER. HE STATED TO EMBOFF THAT SHE IS NOT MARRIED TO MARUDES. HE WAS TOLD THAT ALL ASPECTS OF THIS RATHER COMPLICATED AND CONFUSING CASE WERE BEING INVESTIGATED BUT THAT IF HE HAD ANY LIGHT TO THROW ON THE MATTER, HE SHOULD CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT.

5. IN MEANTIME, MRS. FREIREICH IS ALREADY UNDER U.S. JURISDICTION IN THE ZONE AND IS BEING HELD IN CUSTODY. CANAL ZONE OFFINYL
LSIFNE UNDERSTANDABLY ANXIOUS TO
RESOLVE MATTER AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. IN VIEW OF
LENGTHY PERIOD OF TIME NEEDED LDSGESOLVE ALL THE ISSUES
ABENTIONED ABOVE, EMBASSY URGENTLY REQUESTS FURTHER CONSIDER-
ATION BE GIVEN TO GRANTING SUBJECT ASYLUM IN U.S.

6. THE SUBSTANCE OF THIS MESSAGE WAS CORRGINATED WITH
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